

**Board of Park Commissioners  
December 1, 2008**

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS  
REGULAR MEETING  
South Public Works Conference Room  
8th Floor, City Hall  
Monday, December 1, 2008  
3:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Janet Miller, Glen Dey, Tom Roth, Matt Goolsby Andy Solter and John Stevens

**Absent:** Bryan Frye

**Also Present:** Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation; Karen Walker, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation; Kathy Benninga and Don Harrison, staff; Scott Wadle, Planning Department.

President Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

No Items.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Item 1: Approval of Minutes**

Motion moved by Goolsby, second by Dey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to approve the Park Board meeting minutes of November 10, 2008.

**Item 3A: Golf Course Markers & Pathway Quotes**

Richard Schodorf, 2330 N. Valleyview, Wichita, 67205, updated the Park Board on Golf Course Markers and Pathway quotes. Information was distributed in the Park Board packet that was mailed to members the week before. Schodorf and Don Harrison, Division Manager over City of Wichita Golf Courses, reviewed the City golf courses. At each course they went to two different areas, where the good and the average golfers played.

Schodorf explained that in the areas where there were not sprinkler heads, they wanted to install distance markers. Plaques would provide additional information near each green. The information would cover club suggestions, distances and keys of the hole to help estimate where the next shot would be from. Approximately 123 plaques would be needed. A 9x9 plaque example was passed around to show durability. Harrison explained that an 8x10 plaque is the size they are actually recommending at this point. The proposal of the plaque is to help save time on the golf courses.

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Harrison showed examples of the sprinkler heads with the various information that could be shown on them. Goolsby asked if this was going to be considered a donation. Schodorf confirmed that the entire project was going to be a donation and that the company's name, Sunflower Title, would be on the bottom of each plaque. Goolsby asked about the timeframe for this project. Kupper explained that it has to go through the City Council first if approved. Schodorf said they would be ordered as quickly as they could get them.

**On Motion by Miller, second by Roth, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recommend to City Council the acceptance of donations by Sunflower Title.**

Schodorf updated the Park Board on the pathways. By January they are hoping to have quotes lined up for the signs for Park Board review and hoping to have two walking paths in downtown Wichita. Schodorf explained they would like to start putting the signs in during March. He asked that the Park Board hold a spot on the January agenda for them to return.

**Item 3B: PROS Plan**

Stevens commends Miller and Kupper on the job they did at the City Council meeting. Miller extends her compliments to Scott Wadle and Karen Walker for the many hours they put into the PROS presentation.

Goolsby commented on the size of the PROS Plan and wanted to know how success will be tracked. Kupper stated that the next step is to come up with the matrix to set priorities and improvements. He commented that the bottom line will probably be a scientific survey every two years to keep the PROS Plan out there and in front of everybody. Kupper stated that the Park Board would be setting priorities based on the PROS Plan for the next go-around of the CIP. Kupper mentioned that with the new City Manager the CIP process may slow down a bit but right now it's at an accelerated rate, with intent to have CIP approved before February.

Goolsby expressed concern that because of how fast their seats can change, he feels a two year review may be too big of a gap. Miller stated she liked the idea of looking at it every year at the Park Board retreat. Goolsby explained to Kupper he would like to see a list of things that have been done and what is left to accomplish. He added the idea that priorities be reviewed every year at the retreat.

Kupper suggested the idea of sub-committees within the Park Board; break down into pairs and map out the PROS sections. Goolsby asked for clarification on who the neighborhood councils were. Kupper explained it could be HOA & NOA presidents from around a recreation center, but he explained he isn't sure if the DABs can handle another item like the PROS Plan. Dey stated that the citizens take ownership by creating neighborhood councils. Miller stated that she feels the PROS Plan will help dovetail us in to other plans that the City may address in the coming years.

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Solter said he would be happy to make the motion to recommend to the City Council the adoption of the PROS Plan but suggested the President or Co-President make the motion because they carried the load to get us to this point.

**On motion by Miller, second by Dey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recommend to City Council to adopt the PROS Plan as it currently stands.**

After suggestion from Kupper, it was agreed to amend the motion into two parts.

**On motion by Miller, second by Dey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED the Board of Park Commissioners adopt the PROS Plan as presented.**

**On motion by Miller, second by Dey, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recommend to City Council that they also adopt the PROS Plan as presented.**

**Item 3C: CIP**

Miller asked Kupper to walk the Park Board through the CIP spreadsheet. Kupper explained that the first two years are planned and the next eight years are proposed. Solter asked if there would be a chance of not doing a CIP review in two years. Kupper explained that he has only seen it happen one time during his tenure with the City.

Goolsby referenced that Century II wasn't listed. Kupper explained that it was because Park Board doesn't usually get involved with that particular CIP plan and that they are not listed in the general allocation funds. Kupper shared that he is currently working on Century II's CIP and Botanica's information was already added.

Stevens asked why Kingsbury had been put off till 2016 if we are already busy designing it. Kupper explained we have to design it now so that Cornejo will know how to shape the lake and how to handle the mining of the sand.

Stevens asked why MacDonald Golf Course fencing was listed on Park's budget. Kupper explained that per the City Manager, it has to be asked by someone's CIP to be on record. He stated he would check with the Chris Carrier to see if it would be put as a high priority on his department's CIP.

Stevens expressed concern regarding the \$75,000 listed for restroom consultant studies. Kupper explained that it is part of the PROS Plan and it would give us designs for renovations for future parks so that they would already be in place.

Dey asked if there would be enough money in Chisholm Creek Park to clear out current problems. Kupper said it would be difficult to light the entire park and keep it as a natural habitat. He added that the Park Department's new arborist hasn't begun looking at that Park yet.

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Miller asked about the Canal route information that was listed. Kupper explained the project; there is a privacy fence that was built as part of I-135 30 years ago, and it needs to be replaced.

Miller asked about the dollar amount listed for Chapin in 2009. Kupper said this amount would finish that phase for Chapin. He said it would cover the parking lots, drive ways and shelters for the port-a-potties. Mentioned that the dog park and BMX paths are in the first phase. Miller reiterated she really wants us to finish what we said we would.

Wadle handed out an Excel spreadsheet showing updates for the Planning Department's CIP. Kupper pointed out item #104 as an example of money that is being set up for neighborhood facilities. Miller added that one of the west side neighborhood associations is interested in a west side recreation or community center. Roth asked about how many dog parks are included in the Plan. Kupper responded five. Miller added that the dog park at Chapin, and the one at Hillside and K-96 are already funded. In 2010 there is another one planned for Meridian Park. Stevens asked about the off-road vehicle park and Kupper showed how it was still on the CIP, though moved out a few years.

**Item 4: Review of Pending Issues**

Updated spreadsheet will be reviewed before January's meeting.

**Item 5: Updates from the Director and President**

No items.

**Item 6: Issues on the Horizon**

No items.

**Item 7: Adjourn**

Miller adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.

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Janet L. Miller, President

ATTEST:

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Kathy Benninga, Recording Secretary